

By Senator Argenziano

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See HB 553

1   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to specialty license plates;

3           amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.;

4           creating the Support Our Troops license plate;

5           establishing the annual use fee for the plate;

6           providing for the distribution of annual use

7           fees received from the sale of the plates;

8           providing for the Department of Highway Safety

9           and Motor Vehicles to provide the name and

10          address of the buyer of the plate to the

11          sponsoring organization; providing a

12          conditional effective date.

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14           WHEREAS, to create a concrete statement of thanks to

15   our troops for their service, civilians have stepped forward

16   and founded Support Our Troops, Inc., a national nonprofit

17   organization based in Florida that is dedicated to permanently

18   supporting the troops and their families, and

19           WHEREAS, through a comprehensive program that enables

20   individuals to offer support through multiple charitable

21   methodologies, Support Our Troops, Inc., provides the means

22   through which individuals may take direct personal financial

23   responsibility for their troops and engage in direct financial

24   support for the troops and their families, and

25           WHEREAS, Support Our Troops, Inc., also provides the

26   means through which people may publicly display support for

27   their troops, and

28           WHEREAS, the Support Our Troops license plate will

29   serve these very important functions and will, by example,

30   encourage others to do the same, NOW, THEREFORE,

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**CODING:** Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3 Section 1. Paragraph (eee) is added to subsection (4)  
4 of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter  
5 2005-357, Laws of Florida, to read:

6 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

7 (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall  
8 be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

9 (eee) Support Our Troops license plate, \$25.

10 Section 2. Subsection (57) is added to section  
11 320.08058, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2005-357,  
12 Laws of Florida, to read:

13 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

14 (57) SUPPORT OUR TROOPS LICENSE PLATES.--

15 (a) The department shall develop a Support Our Troops  
16 license plate as provided in this section. Support Our Troops  
17 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
18 department and must contain an emblem or logo representing a  
19 soldier and a child. The word "Florida" must appear at the top  
20 of the plate, and the words "Support Our Troops" must appear  
21 at the bottom of the plate.

22 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be  
23 distributed to Support Our Troops, Inc., which shall use the  
24 proceeds according to its articles of incorporation.

25 (c) Application for the Support Our Troops specialty  
26 license plate by a motor vehicle owner or lessee shall  
27 constitute prior written consent and instruction by the  
28 applicant to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
29 Vehicles to provide his or her name and address to the  
30 sponsoring organization.

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1           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, if  
2 Support Our Troops, Inc., has met the requirements of s.  
3 320.08053(1)(b), Florida Statutes, for approval of the Support  
4 Our Troops specialty license plate prior to that date, except  
5 that this section shall take effect upon this act becoming a  
6 law.  
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